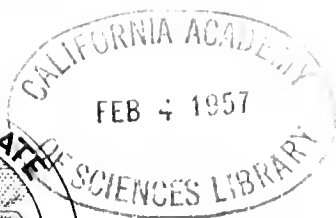


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DECEMBER TRIP TO CONN LAKE

On Sunday, December 9, 1956, about 60 persons, representing both the Golden Gate and Mount Diablo Audubon Societies, proceeded in a caravan of 15 cars from Napa to the State Game Farm near Yountville and after a brief stop there on to Conn Lake, the chief goal of the trip. Areas along the south and east shores were visited before 1 p.m., and woodland areas above the west end of the lake in the afternoon. The weather was excellent. The following 86 species of birds were seen: Horned Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Am. Egret, Green Heron, Whistling Swan, 1, Canada Goose (including Cackling subspecies), Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Shoveller, Am. Widgeon, Wood Duck 40, Redhead 9, Ring-necked Duck, Canvas-back, Common Golden-eye, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, Com. Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, California Quail, Ring-necked Pheasant, Am. Coot, Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, Spotted Sandpiper, Greater Yellow-legs, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, Acorn Woodpecker, (Red-breasted) Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Am. Crow, Plain Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Wren-tit, Winter Wren, Bewick's Wren, Marsh Wren, Rock Wren, Mockingbird, Robin, Hermit Thrush, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Audubon's Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Western Tanager (1 female) [seen by many persons at starting point at Napa — an unusually late date — Ed.], Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch, (Spotted) Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Oregon Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

— PETER VEITCH, *Leader and Historian*.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our society: from Berkeley, Miss Ethel McGinley and Mr. Martin J. Zonlight; from Oakland, Mrs. Loris P. Smith; from Richmond, Mr. Jay Fox. The membership count is now 881.

— JEAN L. DUNHAM, M.D., *Membership Chairman*.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Dec. 23, 1956. Clear, sunny, winds gentle and variable, temperature 44 to 64°. Areas covered and the birds reported from them are grouped into columns below, the areas within any one column having reasonably similar habitats: (column I) McClaren Park, Bay shore and San Francisco waterfront; (II) Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands; (III) Aquatic Park, Marina, Presidio, Lincoln Park and Land's End; (IV) Marin shore of Golden Gate; (V) Seal Rocks and Ocean Beach; (VI) Lake Merced and Fleishhacker Area; (VII) Golden Gate Park; (VIII) Twin Peaks, Stern Grove, and smaller city parks.

SPECIES	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	TOTALS
Common Loon	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3
Arctic Loon	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	5
Red-throated Loon	3	—	3	2	9	1	—	—	18
Loon, unidentified	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Red-necked Grebe	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	4
Horned Grebe	4	—	7	4	—	43	—	—	58
Eared Grebe	11	1	3	3	—	—	3	—	21
Western Grebe	8	11	513	280	79	7	—	—	898
Pied-billed Grebe	4	—	9	5	—	55	13	2	88
White Pelican	—	—	36	—	—	—	—	—	36
Brown Pelican	1	—	—	13	13	—	—	—	27
Double-crested Cormorant	38	28	66	46	14	—	—	—	192
Brandt's Cormorant	1	—	45	1932	219	—	—	—	2197
Pelagic Cormorant	—	—	6	31	—	—	—	—	37
Cormorant, unidentified	—	—	4	12462	—	—	—	—	12466
Great Blue Heron	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
American Egret	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	4
Snowy Egret	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Green Heron	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Black-crowned Night Heron	—	—	2	—	—	10	—	9	21
White-fronted Goose	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Mallard	—	—	76	8	—	23	478	—	585
Pintail	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Green-winged Teal	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	2	14
Shoveller	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	9
American Widgeon	—	—	323	—	1	60	217	2	603
Ring-necked Duck	7	—	18	—	—	2	2	4	33
Canvas-back	—	—	4	18	—	1	11	—	34
Lesser Scaup	—	6	1	1	—	3	10	—	21
Buffle-head	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	7
White-winged Scoter	—	—	—	—	53	—	—	—	53
Surf Scoter	—	—	3	7	493	—	—	—	503
Ruddy Duck	60	12	21	179	1	75	75	—	423
Red-breasted Merganser	2	6	5	4	—	—	—	—	17
Sharp-shinned Hawk	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	—	2	—	2	1	1	—	7
Sparrow Hawk	4	—	2	—	1	3	—	—	10
California Quail	—	—	68	—	—	3	14	—	85
Sora Rail	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
American Coot	17	—	339	41	—	55	727	2	1181
Semipalmated Plover	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Killdeer	85	20	42	—	4	128	19	—	298
Black-bellied Plover	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
Surf-bird	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
Ruddy Turnstone	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Black Turnstone	1	—	5	—	8	—	—	—	14
Spotted Sandpiper	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Willet	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16

SPECIES	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	TOTALS
Least Sandpiper	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
Red-backed Sandpiper	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75
Western Sandpiper	87	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	87
Sanderling	250	—	159	—	360	—	—	—	769
Glaucous-winged Gull	1002	117	64	43	772	200	25	62	2285
Western Gull	1369	15	59	152	261	500	12	30	2398
Herring Gull	6	—	43	7	8	30	—	—	94
California Gull	291	276	74	9	412	300	160	66	1588
Ring-billed Gull	435	—	57	—	57	50	16	—	615
Short-billed Gull	411	—	566	—	412	6	—	—	1395
Gull, unidentified	1200	—	350	421	—	—	150	—	2121
Bonaparte's Gull	205	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	212
Forster's Tern	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Common Murre	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
Ancient Murrelet	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	6
Cassin's Auklet	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Mourning Dove	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Anna's Hummingbird	4	12	25	—	5	4	26	11	87
Belted Kingfisher	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3
Red-shafted Flicker	2	1	21	—	2	5	8	8	47
Downy Woodpecker	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	4
Black Phoebe	—	—	8	—	5	5	11	4	33
Scrub Jay	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	7	11
Common Raven	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	5
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	—	—	17	—	2	10	32	11	72
Common Bush-tit	—	—	11	—	4	—	69	—	84
White-breasted Nuthatch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	3
Red-breasted Nuthatch	—	—	2	—	—	—	13	—	15
Wren-tit	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	5
Winter Wren	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Bewick's Wren	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	5
Marsh Wren	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
American Robin	3	1	138	—	6	1	72	—	221
Hermit Thrush	—	—	6	—	—	2	4	—	12
Golden-crowned Kinglet	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	—	—	12	—	—	—	2	—	14
Water Pipit	1	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
Loggerhead Shrike	9	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	14
Hutton's Vireo	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	3
Orange-crowned Warbler	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Audubon's Warbler	3	7	36	—	21	15	10	17	109
Townsend's Warbler	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Yellow-throat	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	4
House Sparrow	61	45	33	—	200	25	90	22	476
Western Meadowlark	35	—	11	—	—	20	—	65	131
Brewer's Blackbird	80	20	96	—	300	20	160	62	738
Purple Finch	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	10	14
House Finch	12	234	106	—	88	12	40	59	551
Pine Siskin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	10
Lesser Goldfinch	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
(Spotted) Rufous-sided Towhee	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	—	6
Oregon Junco	—	4	27	—	3	15	41	67	157
White-crowned Sparrow	28	53	187	—	6	40	153	39	506
Golden-crowned Sparrow	—	—	23	—	—	—	8	23	54
Fox Sparrow	1	2	21	—	6	3	20	11	64
Song Sparrow	—	—	14	—	2	10	19	13	58

Area and grand totals

(individuals):

5904 895 3800 15683 3860 1770 2736 624 35,272

No. of species:

47 23 62 27 44 49 45 31 101

No of observers:

3 2 6 4 3 2 10 5 35

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— ARTHUR H. MYER, *Compiler*.

OAKLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Dec. 30, 1956. As in the San Francisco Count, the areas covered are divided into major blocks, each containing relatively similar habitats (a few areas containing mixed and contrasting habitats were not segregated in the listings this year, e.g., those of columns V and VIII which contain some hill woodland—grassland habitats similar to other blocks, but also different habitats). The areas, by column numbers, are: (I) Alameda (including Naval Air Station) and Bay Farm Island; (II) Bay shore from Point Isabel in S.E. Richmond to Bay Bridge approach, plus Berkeley Aquatic Park; (III) Sunset View Cemetery and miscellaneous small park and residential areas in Berkeley and Albany; (IV) University of California campus, Strawberry Canyon, and Tilden Park, Claremont Canyon and vicinity, Lake Temescal; (V) Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park, Oakland Estuary from 5th Ave. to Government Id., Joaquin Miller Park and vicinity, Montclair, Mosswood Park, and Oakland Rose Garden; (VI) Mills College, Leona Heights, Arroyo Viejo Canyon, Grass Valley Regional Park and W. side San Leandro Reservoir; (VII) San Pablo Reservoir, Bear Creek Road, Cascade Lake and Orinda; (VIII) Lafayette, Saint Mary's College and lake, Moraga, upper end of San Leandro Reservoir, and Redwood Regional Park.

SPECIES	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	TOTALS
Common Loon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Arctic Loon	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Red-throated Loon	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Horned Grebe	6	2	—	—	12	—	—	—	20
Eared Grebe	9	10	—	—	40	2	—	—	61
Western Grebe	2	9	—	—	—	—	3	—	14
Pied-billed Grebe	—	4	—	1	24	3	1	179	212
Brown Pelican	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Double-crested Cormorant	—	20	—	—	92	—	12	1	125
Great Blue Heron	9	—	—	—	2	—	1	5	17
American Egret	11	6	—	—	8	—	1	1	27
Snowy Egret	14	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
Green Heron	—	—	(locality not recorded)				—	—	1
Black-crowned Night Heron	7	2	—	—	16	—	—	—	25
Canada Goose	—	—	—	—	—	76	200	418	694
Mallard	8	7	—	3	479	4	10	10	521
Gadwall	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
Green-winged Teal	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	6
Shoveller	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
American Widgeon	216	402	—	—	320	—	200	—	1138
Wood Duck	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	8
Ring-necked Duck	—	—	—	—	—	7	30	25	62
Canvas-back	33	389	—	—	75	—	—	5	502

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SPECIES	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	TOTALS
Greater Scaup	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lesser Scaup	—	37	—	—	3	—	—	—	40
Scaup, sp.?	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Common Golden-eye	14	104	—	—	42	—	—	2	162
Buffle-head	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
White-winged Scoter	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Surf Scoter	3	102	—	—	—	—	—	—	105
Ruddy Duck	74	2165	—	3	70	8	11	89	2420
Hooded Merganser	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	5
American Merganser	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	70	74
Red-breasted Merganser	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Ducks, unidentified	2000	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2030
Turkey Vulture	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	—	—	—	1	3	1	1	2	8
Cooper's Hawk	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	5
<i>Accipiter</i> , sp.?	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	—	—	—	6	—	9	5	7	27
Sparrow Hawk	1	7	—	4	2	12	6	18	50
California Quail	—	—	6	26	2	92	100	32	258
Ring-necked Pheasant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Clapper Rail	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Virginia Rail	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
American Coot	763	902	—	15	1254	8	40	113	3095
Semipalmated Plover	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Killdeer	75	79	12	4	10	—	10	—	190
Black-bellied Plover	750	355	—	—	10	—	—	—	1115
Ruddy Turnstone	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Black Turnstone	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
Wilson's Snipe	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Long-billed Curlew	50	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	95
Hudsonian Curlew	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Spotted Sandpiper	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Willet	1020	291	—	—	6	—	—	—	1317
Greater Yellow-legs	2	5	—	—	—	2	—	1	10
Least Sandpiper	27	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	30
Red-backed Sandpiper	2000	1400	—	—	—	—	—	—	3400
Dowitcher, sp.?	500	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	517
Western Sandpiper	3000	1600	—	—	3	—	—	—	4603
Marbled Godwit	1000	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	1065
Sanderling	1	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	151
American Avocet	3000	188	—	—	—	—	—	—	3188
Glaucous-winged Gull	4	3020	22	63	24	—	300	—	3433
Western Gull	10	131	—	—	12	—	—	—	153
Herring Gull	67	56	—	—	3	—	1	—	127
California Gull	61	—	112	3	79	13	200	1	469
Ring-billed Gull	80	225	—	—	126	3	25	—	459
Short-billed Gull	—	820	—	—	—	—	100	—	920
Bonaparte's Gull	56	74	—	—	124	—	—	—	254
Gulls, unidentified	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	152
Forster's Tern	—	71	—	—	38	—	—	—	109
Mourning Dove	41	16	35	169	5	7	15	14	302
Barn Owl	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	3
Screech Owl	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Horned Owl	—	—	1	4	1	4	5	1	16
Short-eared Owl	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Anna's Hummingbird	3	5	20	18	10	18	5	1	80
Belted Kingfisher	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3
Red-shafted Flicker	4	—	7	19	13	48	20	37	148
Acorn Woodpecker	—	—	—	—	—	6	15	1	22
(Red-br.) Yellow-bellied									
Sapsucker	—	—	2	1	—	2	3	3	11
Hairy Woodpecker	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2

SPECIES	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	TOTALS
Downy Woodpecker	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	4	8
Nuttall's Woodpecker	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	3	10
Black Phoebe	—	2	—	2	—	2	6	1	13
Say's Phoebe	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	6
Horned Lark	15	—	—	—	7	5	—	—	27
Steller's Jay	—	—	1	35	—	14	8	40	98
Scrub Jay	9	—	11	27	13	59	75	88	282
American Crow	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	30	32
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	3	—	4	33	36	10	—	18	104
Plain Titmouse	—	—	3	18	—	13	50	13	97
Common Bush-tit	—	—	—	104	—	234	30	63	438
White-breasted Nuthatch	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	4	10
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	—	—	9	5	3	3	—	24
Brown Creeper	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Wren-tit	—	—	5	32	9	50	15	10	121
Winter Wren	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	4
Bewick's Wren	—	—	—	2	—	11	5	5	23
Mockingbird	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	7
California Thrasher	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3
American Robin	19	2	142	261	2500	514	300	657	4395
Varied Thrush	—	—	—	3	—	4	1	35	43
Hermit Thrush	—	—	2	14	2	24	10	6	58
Western Bluebird	—	—	—	6	—	18	50	46	120
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	—	—	1	7	—	14	7	14	43
Water Pipit	4	85	—	—	—	—	10	—	99
Cedar Waxwing	—	—	—	38	36	130	80	70	354
Loggerhead Shrike	3	—	—	—	1	3	4	6	17
Hutton's Vireo	—	—	—	4	—	4	1	—	9
Myrtle Warbler	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3
Audubon's Warbler	1	2	25	46	3	22	50	65	214
House Sparrow	480	47	66	45	422	33	6	3	1102
Western Meadowlark	72	26	—	3	16	2	10	28	157
Red-winged Blackbird.....	3	56	—	—	—	30	35	165	289
Brewer's Blackbird.....	9	100	—	—	170	44	75	380	778
Brown-headed Cowbird.....	—	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	75
Purple Finch.....	—	—	1	3	1	3	8	—	16
House Finch.....	532	168	114	45	33	25	45	78	1040
Pine Siskin.....	—	—	—	23	—	27	1	—	51
American Goldfinch.....	—	3	—	26	—	4	2	—	35
Lesser Goldfinch.....	—	—	—	16	8	35	2	4	65
(Spotted) Rufous-sided Towhee.....	3	—	3	43	22	36	12	36	155
Brown Towhee.....	7	—	24	84	48	98	50	52	363
Savannah Sparrow.....	36	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
Lark Sparrow.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Oregon Junco.....	10	30	3	191	96	324	100	366	1120
White-crowned Sparrow.....	26	66	83	107	168	93	100	256	899
Golden-crowned Sparrow.....	1	—	25	21	24	62	60	366	559
White-throated Sparrow.....	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
Fox Sparrow.....	1	—	8	46	10	10	3	6	84
Lincoln's Sparrow.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Song Sparrow.....	15	62	8	58	17	38	15	9	222
Area and grand totals									
(individuals):	18770	13895	711	1709	6870	2698	2995	4032	51,680
No of species:	65	67	29	55	58	65	77	68	132

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—LEE STALLCUP, *Compiler.*

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Names and addresses of our NEW OFFICERS, elected at the Annual Meeting on January 10, appear on the last page of this issue of The Gull.

The COURSE IN BIRDING BY EAR which was announced tentatively in the November Gull (vol. 38, p. 50) will be taught by your editor, H. L. Cogswell, beginning some time in March. There will be about 5 or 6 Saturday and/or Sunday class sessions, the first ones half days, the last 1 or 2 perhaps longer. "Classrooms" will be in such locations as the East Bay Regional Parks, southern Marin County, San Mateo County, and (for the longer periods) Mt. Hamilton or Mt. Diablo. A number of persons have already indicated a desire to enroll, but a few more (up to a maximum of 20 to 24 persons) can be included. Class members must provide or arrange for their own transportation to meeting points, in most cases by 8 or 9 a.m. (though one or two sessions at dawn are planned also). A modest fee, not to exceed \$3.00, will be charged to cover the cost of preparation of material and time spent therein by the instructor. Anyone interested in enrolling should send his name, address, and telephone number to the chairman of the Education Committee, Mrs. George C. Browne, 2435 Ivy Drive, Oakland 6, California. All those who have done so by February 15 will receive an outline of sessions planned with dates, designation of the first 2 or 3 meeting places, and a fee blank on which to submit actual registration.

TENTATIVE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE, FEBRUARY, 1957, through JANUARY, 1958

Sun. Feb. 10 — Ritchie Ranch, Lodi	Sat.-Sun. July 13 & 14 — Wright's Lake
Sat. Feb. 23 — San Francisco Zoo and Beach	Sat. Aug. 24 — Farallon Islands
Sun. Mar. 10 — Moss Landing	Sat. Sep. 14 — Grass Valley
Sat. Mar. 23 — Tilden Park	Sun. Sep. 22 or 29 — Bay Farm Island (date depends on tide times)
Sun. Apr. 7 — Farallon Islands	Sun. Oct. 13 — owl trip, U.C. campus
Sat. Apr. 20 — Bay Farm Island	Sat. Oct. 26 — Golden Gate Park
Sun. Apr. 28 — McCoy Ranch, Livermore	Sat.-Sun. Nov. 9 & 10 — Willows and Gridley
Sat.-Sun. May 4 and 5 — Pinnacles National Monument	Sat. Nov. 23 — Orinda & San Pablo Res.
Sat. May 11 — Redwood Canyon (dawn)	Sun. Dec. 8 — Conn Lake
Sat. May 18 — Bodega Bay	Sat. Dec. 14 — Lake Merritt
Sun. June 2 — Sacramento Valley	Sun. Jan. 12, 1958 — Tomales Point
Sat. June 15 — Pine Canyon, Mt. Diablo	Sat. Jan. 25, 1958 — Berkeley Aquatic Park

—LEE STALLCUP, *Field Trips Chairman.*

FEBRUARY MEETING

The 473rd regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, in the Assembly Room (3rd floor) of the Main Library in San Francisco (Larkin and McAllister Streets, no. 5 bus). Our new director, Mr. Carl Fox, who is an expert photographer, will show us his color motion picture entitled "Bird Views from Coast to Sierra." Guests are welcome.

FIELD TRIPS FOR FEBRUARY

On Sunday, February 10, to RITCHIE RANCH AREA, NEAR LODI. This is an excellent area for those birders who were unable to visit Los Banos Refuge in January, as the bird life and habitat are very similar, and the trip is shorter. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the town of Thornton which is reached by turning south from Walnut Grove on the Sacramento River Road (route 24). Note that this is a different route from the one taken in previous years and the meeting place is different, as this is a joint trip with the Mt. Diablo group. Leader, Lee Stallcup, LO 9-3185.

On Saturday, February 23, to SAN FRANCISCO ZOO AND BEACH. Meet at the north entrance to Fleishhacker Zoo (on Sloat Blvd.) at 9:15 a.m. If a sufficient number of people turn out, the group will be split into two groups, one for a bird walk in the zoo, and one to study gulls and shorebirds on the beach. Co-leaders, Howard Cogswell and Charles Hines, Jr.

— LEE STALLCUP, *Field Trips Chairman*.

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